

# OKLAHOMA WINGSPAN



## UPCOMING EVENTS

July	
13-14	Glass Cockpit Ground School
22 -1 Aug	IACE
23-30	New Mexico Cadet Encampment
24-30	GLR Encampment
30-6 Aug	Arkansas Cadet Encampment
August	
5-7	SAREX Tulsa
17-20	Nat'l Conference
19	Nat'l Aviation Day
27-28	NCPSC - SWO
September	
10	IC Staff Tabletop
17-18	Aircrew Academics
24-25	MCP Clinic

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## COMMENTS FROM THE COMMANDER

Col. Joe R. Smith

Editors Note: Colonel Smith was unavailable for comments at press time.



## “Semper Vigilans”

## HANGAR TALK

*Kathy Curtin, Capt. CAP, Public Affairs Officer*

I would like to ask all CAP members to support our new commander, as he settles into his new duties and responsibilities, and patiently wait for his comments to fill the above column.

I'm sure he would like to encourage all of the Oklahoma Wing

seniors and cadets to continue doing what they do best by “performing missions for America” and “being the eyes of the home skies”.



## CIVIL AIR PATROL HOSTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ST. LOUIS

**MAXWELL AFB, Ala.** — Join hundreds of Civil Air Patrol's everyday heroes at the 2005 National CAP Conference, August 17-20 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis.

The National Conference is one of the year's most important events for CAP members. This is a golden opportunity for members to share best practices, network, and enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded aviation enthusiasts.

First-time attendees are eligible to go a special reception to meet key leaders. NASA astronaut and CAP member, Eric Boe, will be this year's keynote speaker and you won't want to miss the General Assembly speaker, Jack Pelton, president of Cessna Aircraft Company.

Celebrate the success of fellow CAP members at the National Recognition Ceremony as we honor the best and brightest members in their field. Wrap up the event with the National Commander's Reception and formal banquet on Saturday evening.

Those interested in advancing their CAP career can choose from dozens of learning labs covering unit administration, operations management, procurement, funding, public and media relations, aerospace education, team-building and leadership skills. Courses in Critical Incident Stress Management and Satellite-Digital Transmitted Imaging are available for members who come early. Many of the seminars are an excellent opportunity to fulfill educational requirements for promotion.

While the National Conference will be packed with opportunities for professional growth, there will still be time for fun. Join other members at the stadium for CAP night with the St. Louis Cardinals as they take on the San Francisco Giants. Get there early and watch as CAP cadets post the colors during the National Anthem. Or, join hundreds of CAP members in a rousing Fitness Walk through St. Louis' beautiful downtown area. Browse the exhibit hall where there are plenty of organizations of interest to CAP members. Wear your baseball gear to the Bullpen Blast opening reception and register to win door prizes.

For more information visit [www.cap.org](#) and click on the Everyday Heroes banner. Register early to take advantage of the hotel group rates. Early online registrants are also eligible to win a laptop!

Note: July 18 is the last day to reserve rooms at the discounted rate for the beautiful Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis. For more information on hotel registration, go to [www.adamsmark.com](#). And, August 3 is the last day to receive a 30 percent discount on regular registration fees for the conference and the formal closing banquet.



## SAFETY REPORT

*Aaron Wardlaw, LTC-CAP - Oklahoma Wing Chief of Safety*

Colonel Smith has taken a very proactive approach to supporting Safety. As the new Wing Commander, Col. Smith has supported a re-write of the current Wing Supplement to 62-1, approved a safety reward program, and even grounded the 172S model aircraft, after a partial loss of engine power, which he is insisting that non-required safety upgrades be completed to enhance overall safety in the Wing. As the Wing Chief of Safety, I am working with Col. Smith to develop an active safety program and would like to let you know what is going on.

With the development of the new Wing 62-1 Supplement (pending Regional and National Approval) the Annual Safety Survey has been rewritten to better reflect the safety program in Oklahoma. There are also instructions for electronic record keeping, and documenting unit safety programs and safety officer progression.

A new program that Col. Smith highly supports, and is taking the recommendation to National Boards, is a safety reward program for accident free flying hours. Members meeting the criteria will be allowed to wear a patch that reflects their hours.

Colonel Smith and I highly encourage everyone in CAP to come forward with new safety ideas, and report problems ASAP.

Thanks,  
Aaron Wardlaw  
Oklahoma Wing Chief of Safety

## TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT

*Aaron Wardlaw, LTC-CAP - Oklahoma Wing Chief of Safety*

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, Capt. Joe Rathert was giving flight instruction to Cadet 2Lt. Adam Taylor in N917CP. On initial takeoff, the engine experienced a partial loss of power, Captain Rathert took control of the aircraft and executed an emergency landing back at the airport at Norman. There were no injuries or damage to the aircraft, highlighting the exceptional performance of Captain Rathert.

Almost two weeks later, CAP had another aircraft in another Wing also have a loss of engine power. The skills of the pilot also got them on the ground safely. With two engines failures with in a month, all pilots need to review engine failure procedures and be prepared!

Please don't go through your flying career thinking that it won't happen to you. Spend time thinking through your actions, and even think up what you would do at different altitudes during takeoff and different things that could happen. Don't get caught off guard!

Aaron Wardlaw  
Oklahoma Wing Chief of Safety



## ABOUT ~ CIVIL AIR PATROL

Civil Air Patrol builds strong citizens for the future by providing leadership training, technical education, scholarships and career education to young men and women, ages 12 to 21. From all socio-economic backgrounds, Civil Air Patrol cadets learn leadership, planning, and time management skills as well as the value of teamwork by working with fellow cadets toward common goals in a safe, structured, yet fun environment.

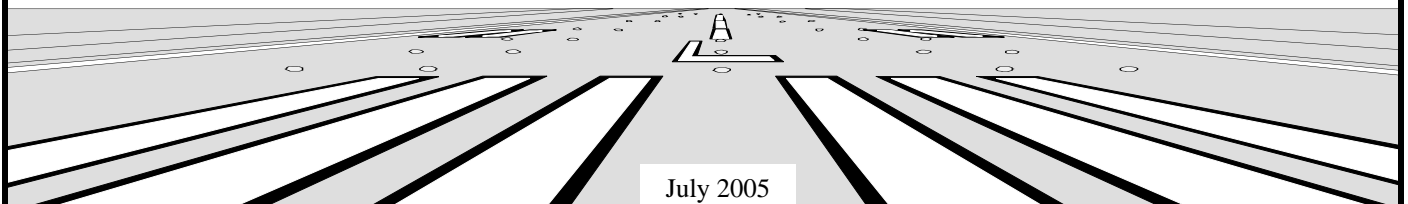
Civil Air Patrol is most widely known for its search and rescue, disaster relief and humanitarian missions throughout the nation. Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, CAP has also provided training and support for national homeland security initiatives. To perform these missions, CAP maintains a fleet of 550 single-engine aircraft – the largest fleet of its kind in the world.

Civil Air Patrol is a nonprofit organization with some 62,000 volunteer members nationwide, and is the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. CAP performs 95% of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited last year by the AFRCC with saving more than 140 lives. CAP volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Members take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the almost 27,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for more than 60 years.



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